

FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2006 – DAY ONE

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Greetings brethren, this is the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles 2006. And the feasts of God as we know, and the closer we get to the end, we understand and realize that they are the most important thing that we need to understand in relationship to understanding God's plan and what He's doing. And we know that God tells us we are to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Let's come here to Deuteronomy 16 for just a minute, Deuteronomy 16 and verse 16. And here we are told how we are to keep the feasts. Verse 16: "Three times in a year shall all your males appear before the LORD your God in the place which he shall choose; the feast of unleavened bread, the feast of weeks, the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty: Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He gives to you." (Deut. 16:16-17). And of course, every year we go through these things and we need to understand and realize this: that of everything in the Bible when you put it altogether, there is more about the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles than any other feast day because this is going to be the great harvest of God.

Now let's come back here to Leviticus 23 and let's read again concerning the Feast of Tabernacles. Now we also need to realize this: that the Feast of Tabernacles for the children of Israel was to remind them that they were slaves in Egypt and that they also dwelt in tents while they were coming with the exodus and dwelling in the wilderness for forty years. Now let's pick it up here in verse 33, Leviticus 23: "And the LORD spoken to Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD: On the first day there *shall be* a holy convocation:" Which is today. "...You shall do no servile work *therein*. Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation; and you shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it shall be a solemn assembly; *and* you shall do no servile work *therein*. These *are* the feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations" (Lev.23:33-37). And so what we see with the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day is this: there is very, very little in the Old Testament explaining about the Last Great Day, and we have to put all the Scriptures together which we will when we come to the Last Great Day.

Now come over here to verse 39: "And in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land..." So this is the great harvest all the harvest is over with. "...You shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a Sabbath..." So whenever you see a holy convocation that means it is a Sabbath. "...And on the eighth day *shall be* a Sabbath." And here's what they were to do, and this also shows the very temporariness of physical life. Verse 40: "And you shall take unto you the first day the boughs of goodly trees, the branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God

seven days. And you shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations: you shall celebrate it in the seventh month.” (Lev. 23:39-41). Now that seventh month is according to the calculated Hebrew calendar.

Verse 42: “You shall dwell in booths...” Now that’s temporary dwellings and we’ll talk about some of the meaning of it today, but basically today we’re all a temporary tabernacle or temple of God awaiting the resurrection. “...All that are Israelite born shall dwell in booths: That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God. And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.” (Lev. 23:42-44).

And of course as we know, Leviticus 23 is the one chapter in the whole Bible that contains all the feasts of God. And the way that we understand them is: that we follow God’s instructions on how to understand His Word – here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept, and we put it together to build a whole picture. The religions of this world and carnal minded people like to take Scriptures that are apparent contradictions and subtract. In other words, they fight Scripture with Scripture. Well, God doesn’t want that.

Now before we take up the offering, let’s come here to Luke 16 and let’s see something here that’s important for us to understand about our relationship with God. We all want eternal life. We all want to serve with Christ. Now I got a letter from a man saying, “I don’t desire to be a king or priest. Is there some place where they might even have a street sweeper in New Jerusalem?” And I said, “Well I don’t know, I don’t think the streets are going to be dirty, but there will be plenty of room for all of those who will be helpers in addition to being kings and priests.” So don’t worry about it, and besides, as I mentioned to this man the important thing is to realize this: when you are resurrected and are a spirit being, your whole outlook is going to be entirely different than what it is as a human being. So we won’t be limited in the things that we’re limited in today, and it will be a whole lot better.

Now let’s come here to Luke 16 and let’s pick it up here in verse 10. Here is a very important thing to understand, and you see the way that we tithe and handle our finances, and so forth, is all a part of how we live God’s way. And the way that we bring offerings and use the money that we have today, which is soon going to be hyper inflated to where it’s going to be a very difficult proposition at all to really have some profitable things to do with money. So He says here verse 10: “The one who *is* faithful in *the things that are* least is also faithful in much...” Now this covers every aspect of our Christian life. “The one who *is* unrighteous in *the things that are* least is also unrighteous in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will trust you with the true riches?” And that’s what we’re going to be given – the true riches of God, the true wealth of God, and not only that – when we are kings and priests in the Kingdom of God, the nations and the people are going to bring their tithes to us and we bring a heave offering of ten percent to Christ. So we need to think and understand about that! It is going to be a tremendous thing when that occurs. So think about this as you prepare your offering.

Think about this in relationship to how you worship and serve God and so forth. Verse 11: “Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust you with the true *riches*? And if you have not been faithful in that which *is* another’s...” Because you see the tithe and the offering belong to God. That’s what He said. Those are His, but he gives us the choice of deciding to do it and participating in it, to know whether we’re faithful or not, to know whether we love Him with all our heart or not. And this is expressed in the things that we do that we give back to God. So He says, “If you have not been faithful in that which *is* another’s, who will you give to you your own?” Now that’s talking about the resurrection when we are in the Kingdom of God, “...Who’s going to give you your own?”

Now here’s a very important principle, verse 13: “No servant is able to serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to *the* one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” (Luke 16:10-13). So you keep that in mind in everything that you do with your tithes and offerings.

And now at this time we will take up an offering for the first holy day, for the Feast of Tabernacles 2006.

Now let’s continue on and see the meaning of this day and look at it from what God teaches us, and as I mentioned, there are more themes, there is more information in the Bible for all of the Feast of Tabernacles in the Kingdom of God than anything that we have of any of the other holy days.

Now let’s come to Luke 13, since we’re in the book of Luke, just turn back a few pages there Luke 13 and verse 22. And you go through and when you study the harmony, go through and see how much Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God. And that was the beginning of the real preaching of the Kingdom of God. See after Jesus was baptized and he came into Galilee, he said: “Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand.” That was the beginning of the preaching of the Kingdom of God. Now here in Luke 13 and verse 22 we find that, that’s what He was doing He was teaching the Kingdom of God and all the aspects of the relationship with God leading up to being resurrected and entering into the Kingdom of God. “Now He was going through *the* cities and villages preaching *while* making progress toward Jerusalem. And one said to him, Lord, *are* those who are being saved few?” Well the answer is: yes, few not many. Remember what it says in Matthew 7 [verses 13 and 14] “...For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction... but strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to life” yes, few. Verse 24, Luke 13: Then he said to them, Strive with *your* whole being to enter in through the narrow gate; for many, I say to you, will seek to enter in but will not be able.”

Now we can see that today how many thousands of kind, professing Christians are there out there who are really not Christians, indeed, but have been deluded into thinking that they are. So He says this in verse 25. Now there’s always a time, which you might say, a cut off point, and for many of us the cut off point is that we’ve lived to the end of our lives, are put in the grave and are awaiting the resurrection. But there’s always the cut off

point, and Jesus brought this out over and over again. Now verse 25 for He says, “Once the master of the house is risen up and has shut the door, and you begin to stand outside the door and knock, saying, Lord, Lord open to us; and he shall answer and say to you, I do not know you *or* where you are from. And you shall begin to say, we ate, we drank in Your presence, and You have taught in our streets. And He shall say, I tell you I do not know you *or* where you are from. Depart from Me all *you* workers of unrighteousness.” (Luke 13:22-25).

Now this applies to all those professing-Christians who say you do not need to keep the Commandments of God, you do not need to keep the holy days of God, all you need to do is believe and have an experience in your heart and you are saved. Well you see there’s far more to it than that. Now notice what He says, verse 28: “There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you shall see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you *yourselves* are cast out.” Now this is talking about the resurrection and our reward, and our working and functioning in our reward as we’ll see later here. Verse 29: “Then they shall come from *the* east and *the* west, and from *the* north and *the* south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.” (Luke 13:28-29). That’s what’s going to happen at the resurrection because Jesus said He is going to, at the sound of the trumpet, He is going to send out the Angels who are going to carry the resurrected saints from the four corners of the earth – same situation that we’re talking about there.

Now let’s come to Luke 21, since right here in the book of Luke, and let’s again review how Christ is going to come. Luke 21 and verse 25, and this will show us about how it’s going to be, and as I’ve mentioned and have been emphasizing, the events that the holy days picture are historical, epical, tremendous, powerful, interventions of God to show Himself to His church and to the world. And God is just sort of letting things go their way now because it’s His purpose to do so because He is storing it all up for the magnificent return of Jesus Christ. Now let’s pick it up here in Luke 21 and verse 25, no let’s go back to verse 24: “And they shall fall by *the* edge of *the* sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until *the* times of *the* Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in *the* sun, and moon, and stars and on the earth distress and anxiety among *the* nations; *the* seas roaring with rolling surges; Men dying of heart attacks from fear and dread of the things that are coming on the whole world; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.” We covered that, but I don’t think we really grasp what it’s going to be. Not only is the earth going to be shaken, but the powers of heaven shall be shaken. “Then they shall see the Son of man coming on a cloud with great power and glory.” (Luke 21:24-27). And so this is talking about not only the glorious return of Christ, but the beginning of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Now let’s come to II Thessalonians the first chapter and let’s see what Paul wrote and we will see how when Christ comes to the earth we know that He is going to take care of the armies that are coming to invade and coming against Christ and the saints, fighting against them, and we know that Satan has to be bound. Let’s come here to II Thessalonians the first chapter, and let’s begin in verse 3. But we know that God is going to put down all evil and we’re going to see it’ll take a little time for some people to get

the point. Not everyone gets it all at once. Some people will learn a whole lot faster than others. But others are going to have to be corrected in order for them to really submit to the Kingdom of God. We'll see that in just a minute. Verse 3 now, II Thessalonians 1: "We are duty-bound to thank God always for you, brethren, even as it is fitting, because your faith is increasing abundantly..." And we hope, brethren, that that is happening with you too. "...And a love of each one of you is abounding toward one another; and we ourselves are boasting about you in the churches of God because of your endurance and faith in all your persecutions, and tribulations that you are enduring." And we have that right ahead of us again just like it was there with those in Thessalonica. Verse 5: "*Your faith and endurance are a visible testimony of the righteous judgment of God, so that you may be counted worthy of the Kingdom of God for which you are suffering. Since it is righteous with God to recompense tribulation to those who are persecuting you; And to you, who are persecuted, rest with us at the revelation of Jesus Christ from heaven with His mighty angels, Dealing out vengeance with flaming fire upon those who do not know God, and those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who will suffer the penalty of eternal destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His strength, When he shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in that day of all those who believe (because our testimony was believed by you); For which cause also we are praying continually for you...*"

Which we do brethren; we pray daily for you that you may grow, that you may change, that you may overcome, that you may repent, that you may be healed, that you may be relieved of distress, that you may have strength in your trials, that you may have wisdom in understanding what you need to do to live your life and all those things we pray daily for you.

Continuing in verse 11: "...We pray daily for you, that our God may count you worthy of *your* calling, and may fulfill *in you* all the good pleasure of *His* goodness, and *the* work of faith in power;" Now this is what we have to look forward to. Verse 12: "So that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him according to the grace of our God and of *the* Lord Jesus Christ." (II Thes. 1:3-12). So that's quite a salutation isn't it? Yes! He's telling all of them what they need to know and what it needs to be to attain to the Kingdom of God.

Now let's come back here to revelation 20. We know that Satan has to be bound, but once he is bound, that we're going to see, doesn't necessarily change the way of the thinking of people, and certain things are going to have to be done to help convince them that they need to yield to God. Now let's pick it up here in verse 4: "And I saw thrones;" That's for ruling, for judgment, for authority. "... And they that sat on them, and judgment was given to them;" Now later in the feast I'm going to cover for two days: "Judge Righteous Judgment". We need to learn how to judge righteous judgment today – that's all a part of our education preparing for the Kingdom of God. "...And I *saw* all the souls of those who were beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and those who did not worship the beast, or his image, and did not received the mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand

years.” (Rev. 20:4). That is the millennium and that’s going to be the time of God’s rest, the time of God’s glory, and the time of our helping Jesus Christ and God the Father bring many, many, many billions of people into the Kingdom of God.

Now it’s going to be accomplished after Satan is removed. And all of those who are in the first resurrection and rule and reign with Jesus Christ will always be in a position above those who come into the Kingdom of God during the millennium. They’re going to have an entirely different set of circumstances, as we will see; Satan isn’t going to be there. But God’s Spirit is going to fill the earth, and it’s going to be a time of tremendous love and joy and everything like this.

Now come down here to verse 6, “Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection...” Now blessed and holy put you in the same category as God. “Over these the second death has no power. But they shall be priests of God and Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. And when the thousand years have been completed, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison;” And that’s at the end of the millennium, and we’ll cover that on day seven when we get there – everything in its due order.

Now let’s see some things in the book of Daniel concerning the Kingdom of God and of our being able to rule and reign with Christ. Daniel the seventh chapter, it’s quite an interesting thing that the book of Daniel covers here. (Now if you don’t have our series on Daniel and Revelation, be sure to write for it.) Daniel 7. Now let’s think about this for a minute; let’s think about all the powers of the earth as they are going to come together at the end time under the beast. This is what it’s talking about here with a little horn. And if you don’t have our tape: “The Beast Who Was and Is Not and Yet Is” you need to understand that the beast that is coming is going to be a worldwide government and a worldwide religion through the beast and the false prophet. This is what it’s talking about here and he said verse 21: “I beheld, and the same horn...” That’s the little horn. “...Made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;” Now verse 22, Daniel 7: “Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High;” Now that ties right in with Revelation 20 doesn’t it? We are going to be given judgment. “...And the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. And the kingdom means the whole world. Verse 23: “Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon the earth, which shall be diverse from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first; and he shall subdue three kings.” Now you can get the information on that in the series on Daniel and Revelation.

Now notice, “And he shall speak *great* words against the most High...” That ties in with Revelation 13 and II Thessalonians 2 “...And shall wear out the saints of the most High and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.” That again ties in with Revelation 13 about the martyrdom of the saints. Verse 26: “But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy unto the end.” Verse 27: “And the kingdom and

dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High...” Now I want you to just ... more and more it’s being impressed upon my mind, so I’m going to try to impress it upon your mind, the greatness of the calling that God has called us to, and the work that He has called us to do, and the work of straightening out the whole world, and to be able to rule and reign with Christ a thousand years, and bring into the Kingdom of God the great harvest of millions and millions and millions of people. Now notice [continuing, verse 27], “...Whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him” (Daniel 7:21-27). Now let’s see how He starts doing that. Let’s see what Christ needs to do in order to get this accomplished.

Now let’s come here to Isaiah 24 and let’s look at the condition of the earth. You need to understand what that’s going to be. Isaiah 24 shows you the work that we have to do, you see every valley’s going to be exalted, every hill is going to be made low, the whole earth is going to be in chaos and confusion in order for all the works of men and all the works of Satan to be destroyed, and then begin building the Kingdom of God. God isn’t going to build on the broken foundations of men, He’s going to build on the foundation of Jesus Christ. He is going to build the Kingdom in truth and in righteousness and the love of God. So when we look at what the earth is going to be like here in Isaiah 24, and let’s begin in verse 1: “Behold the LORD makes the earth empty, and makes it waste, and turns it upside down, and scatters the inhabitants abroad.” So just think about the mental and emotional condition of those people who survive this.

Now recently I saw on history channel, a special on the survivors of the tsunami. And everyone was [saying], Oh, God, why did this happen? Oh, God, why did you abandon me? Their lives are going to be absolutely turned upside down. Their emotions and their feelings are going to be shattered. They are going to be just shells of people wanting to know why. Why did this happen? How did this come about? Where was God? That’s why Christ has to return. And then He shows exactly what’s going to happen – the whole earth is going to be upside down. Verse 3: “The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD has spoken this word. The earth mourns *and* fades away, the world languishes *and* fades away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth is also defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, and changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore has the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.” (Isaiah 24:3-6.)

Now we need to state right here, a very important thing to understand: the Seventh-Day Adventists teach that no one survives the end-time and the earth is desolate for a thousand years and all the saints are in heaven going over, looking into the lives of every human being to judge them. Well now, let’s understand something; how are you going to fulfill all the other prophecies which show that the earth is going to be rebuilt, that the earth is going to be made a glorious and a wonderful place for people to live in, if it’s desolate for a thousand years? No. Let’s come over here to the very last verse in Chapter 24. “Then...” it says, “...the moon shall be confounded, and the sun shall be ashamed,

when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.” (Isaiah 24:23). That means that all of the, like we read earlier, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (and we can go back to Seth and to Enoch and Noah and to all the righteous kings and all the righteous prophets) they will be in the Kingdom of God; Jesus said they would.

Now let’s come on over here to Zechariah 14 and this talks about what’s going to happen when Christ sets His foot on the earth. Now let’s come to Zechariah 14. Let’s see what’s going to happen. Let’s see how, right at first, God is going to have to deal with the different nations. Zechariah 14 says in verse 4, as we covered on Trumpets, His feet and the feet of the saints will stand on the Mount of Olives. “...The LORD shall come...” verse 5, the last sentence. “... My God shall come *and* all the saints with Him.” Now verse 9 “And the LORD shall be King over all the earth:” That’s when Jesus said, remember He told Pilate, “If My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight.” And so now is the time. Verse 9: “... In that day there shall be one LORD and his name one.” (Zech. 14:4-5, 9).

Let’s come over here to verse 16, very important... let’s see how God deals with people, because not all are going to submit. Some will submit right away, but others are going to be disbelieving, others are not going to want to keep the Feast of Tabernacles and what they would label as “those Jewish laws.” Verse 16: “... It shall come to pass *that* every one that is left of all the nations...” Now that is an all-inclusive statement, not just the nations alone, but all the nations and everyone that is left. The few men that are left... now we don’t know how many there will be, but if it follows the pattern of the other things, maybe there will be a tenth of all human beings who will survive all the end-time events, and come on over into the beginning of the rule and reign of the Kingdom of God. And of “...all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.” Now that’s a very powerful Scripture isn’t it? Now you keep that in mind for anyone who says “Oh well, you don’t need to keep those feasts.” Well, show them what Christ is going to do when He returns. He’s going to make them keep the Feast of Tabernacles. He’s going to enforce it. Now some will willingly keep it, but there are going to be some who are not going to be convinced, and God has many different ways of convincing them.

So here's how He’s going to do it, Zechariah 14, verse 17: “And it shall be *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship...” Now you’re not going to get all human beings to Jerusalem, so that means in whatever nation or country that the people are living in, their representatives are going to represent them in Jerusalem, and they will keep the Feast of Tabernacles there, while everybody back in their nation will be likewise keeping the Feast of Tabernacles there. “...To worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.” Now it doesn’t take very long for people to get the point when there is no rain, and there are no crops, and there are no blessings. Then He says here, verse 18: “...if the family of Egypt go not up...” And this is going to be a hard...can you imagine what a hard, bitter pill this is going to be for Egypt? And of course, Egypt represents all the Moslems and all the Moslem nations –

right? Yes. Think of this: the bitter pill of going to Jerusalem and of keeping the Feast of Tabernacles. They're going to have to give up their Ramadan. They are going to have to give up their Friday day of worship and keep the Sabbath. Now all the Protestants and Catholics, on the other hand, are going to have to give up Christmas and Easter and Halloween, and all the occult, pagan holidays and give up Sunday, and they're going to have to keep the Sabbath. And they're going to have to keep all the holy days of God and the Feast of Tabernacles.

You see, there is going to have to be a tremendous change of thinking that is going to have to take place which will be accomplished in two ways. One of them is by coercion, which we're reading of here. If they don't do it, God is going to coerce them to do it. Now it says, verse 18: "...and come not up, that *have no rain*; there shall be the plague with which the LORD shall smite the heathen that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles." Verse 19: "This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles." (Zech. 14:16-19). So if they don't have rain in their country, He is going to send a plague. Well, did God send plagues on Egypt one time? Yes, He did. He's going to send it on them another time to show that He is God; to show that He is powerful; to show that all the gods of Egypt, and all the gods of this world are nothing.

Now let's come down here to Isaiah the fourth chapter. And of course through Isaiah and the Psalms and especially Isaiah, there is so much in the book of Isaiah concerning the Kingdom of God and bringing it about it's going to be...you know that is worth two or three sermons in itself. I think one year I did almost the whole Feast of Tabernacles just going through the book of Isaiah and the book of Psalms. So we'll touch on some of that this time. But you see there's so much with the Feast of Tabernacles that every year, even though we cover the same theme and the same meaning of the feast; there is so much, that it can be different from year-to-year and day-to-day during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Now let's pick it up here Isaiah 4, verse 2: "In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, *that he it is* left in Zion, and *he that* remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy..." That is because we'll be resurrected. Didn't we read that back in Revelation 20 – we are called holy and blessed? Yes. "...*Even* every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem." Now that's obviously New Jerusalem in heaven above, and it's obviously talking about the Book of Life. Verse 4: "When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, by the spirit of burning. And the LORD shall create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and a smoke by day, and a shining flame by night: for upon all the glory *shall be* a defense. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge and a covert from the storm and from the rain." Now this is speaking symbolically referring to the vicissitudes of life and the difficulties that people will go through; that God is going to give them comfort; God is going to give them joy. And so this is how it's going to work itself out, as God shows.

Let's come here to Micah the fourth chapter and let's see again God is going to have to convince some people in a pretty profound way. Micah the fourth chapter, that's back here in the Minor Prophets. Okay, Micah 4, let's pick it up beginning in verse 1: "But in the last days it shall come to pass *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains..." Now when it talks about all the mountains will be removed and fall, now symbolically, that shows all the governments of men are going to fall – they have to in order for the kings and priests of the saints to rule and reign. Isn't that correct? Yes. And the rule will come down even to the cities won't it? Yes, we know that. "...And it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come let us go up to the mountain of the LORD and to house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth out of Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem." Now not all people are going to respond, and here's what He's going to have to do, and we'll see how He's going to do it here in just a minute. "And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah 4:1-3). That's the time we are looking for.

And you see what's going to happen with this is global worldwide government, and this global worldwide religion that is coming under Satan the devil and his grand glorious finale, God is going to teach the lesson that man without God cannot rule his life, cannot know what is right and wrong, cannot understand his nature, cannot understand what God is doing, cannot understand God's plan. So God is going to make it tremendously, abundantly clear that that's just the way that it is!

Now since we're close to Zechariah, let's come to Zechariah the eighth chapter and let's see another prophecy of it. Zechariah the eighth chapter and let's pick it up here in verse 20: "Thus says the LORD of hosts; *It shall yet come to pass*, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: and the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also." That's going to be the whole focus of their lives – to really serve God. Verse 22: "Yea many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord." We just read that, but some have to be convinced. Verse 23: "Thus says the Lord of hosts; In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew..." Now that's going to be us, the resurrected true converted Jews. "Saying, We will go with you; for we have heard *that God is with you*." (Zech. 8:20-23). Quite a thing isn't it? Now we'll take a look here in just a minute, at what's going to happen to those nations that must be convinced that they ought to serve God.

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Now let's see how God is going to have to deal with certain of those large, huge nations that have to be brought into subjection in order for their final peace to be established after the Kingdom of God is set up under Jesus Christ and the saints. Israel is brought back into their land. Now it talks about here in Ezekiel 38, let's read just the first verse because there are a lot of things here that we need to cover, and so we don't want to go through all of Ezekiel 38 or all of Ezekiel 39, but we need to cover some of the highlights and understand when this is going to be. This is going to be after Jesus Christ and the saints return to the earth. This is going to be after Israel has been gathered and brought back to the holy land and they have peace. God is dealing with them. Some of the nations will come up and they will want to learn of God's way; other nations will have to be forced to do it because they're going to try to make war, and this is going to be the final war that is going to take place which is going to end all rebellion against God. Ezekiel 38 and verse 1: "...The word of the LORD came to me, saying, Son of man set your face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him. And say, Thus says the Lord GOD; Behold I *am* against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:" And then He is going to bring them. Now it lists all the different nations that are with them. We won't cover all those verses, but come down here to verse 7: "Be you prepared and prepare yourself, you and all your company that are assembled unto you, and be you a guard unto them."

Verse 8: "After many days..." Many days, has in prophecy, approximately three and one-half years. So let's look at this – three and one-half years into the millennium – those nations of Gog and Magog, which consist of Russia and China and all the Orient, some of the nations down into Southeast Asia coming on back through India and Pakistan and Afghanistan and Persia and Iraq and Iran, and all those nations are not yet going to be convinced because God has something special for them, and His judgment is going to come upon them. And remember that out of that area came the army of two hundred million, and with the armies scattered all the way back from the middle-east clear back to the far-east, there are probably some of those armies of the two hundred million survived all the battle, and so what's going to happen is this: after Israel is in the Promised Land, brought back out of captivity, He says here, verse 8: "...you shall be visited: in the latter years you shall come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword..." Now the land brought back from the sword has to do with the physical land of Israel. "...*And is* gathered out of many people," That's the exodus of all the Israelites back to Israel. "...Against the mountains of Israel, which have always been waste:" That is up to this time. "... But is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them." When that happens: "You shall ascend and come like a storm, and shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your bands and many people with you. Thus says the Lord GOD; It shall come to pass, *that* at the same time shall things come into your mind, and you shall think an evil thought;" (Ezekiel 38:8-10). Now this is kind of a repetition of Pharaoh in Egypt in coming after the children of Israel after they escaped; only this time it's on a grand world scale, and these are the nations that Christ is going to have to rebuke.

Now there are nations far off and they've come to make war. Verse 11: "And you shall say I will go up to the land of unwalled villages;" No defenses, no armies, no rocket launchers, no Missiles, planes, anything "...And I will go to them that are at rest," They are already rested and in the inheritance that God has given them. "...That rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates." So he thinks in his heart, I'm going to come, verse 12: "To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn your hand upon the desolate places *that are now* inhabited, and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land."

Now all those nations to the north and to the east – they are going to come up and see this and they're going to go back and say, "We can have it for the taking." And so what's going to happen, verse 14: "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus says the Lord GOD; In that day when my people...dwell safely shall you not know *it*? They are going to know they are dwelling safety. They are going to know that they have been brought back by God, but they are still not convinced, and there are other nations that are still not convinced. So this tells us then, how Christ is going to fulfill it where it says that He shall rebuke strong nations afar off. So they still think they're strong.

Now let's see what's going to happen here, verse 15: "And you shall come out of your place of the north parts, you, and many people with you, all of them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army: And you shall come against my people Israel, as a cloud to over the land; it shall be in the latter days," And of course the latter days also includes, what, the beginning of the millennium. "...And I will bring you against my land that the heathen may know me..." So this is right at the beginning of the millennium; not all heathen know God; not all are going to Jerusalem to learn of His ways. [Continuing in verse 16]: "...When I shall be sanctified in you, O Gog, before their eyes."

Now let's come to verse 18: "And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, says the Lord GOD, *that* my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy *and* in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;" So it's going to be tremendous. This is going to be the last great, great subjecting of the nations that will not yield to Jesus Christ and the saints. You see God is reserving this for a special purpose. Now we're going to see it here in just a minute, verse 21: "...I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, says the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that *are* with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone." Those are the things that God always uses, right? Yes. He used them in Egypt; He used them to destroy armies that were gathered there in the seven last plagues, and He uses it here to show His power against them. Now notice here is the reason, verse 23: "Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations..." This is going to convince them, yes, this is really God. "...And they shall know that I *am* the LORD." (Ezekiel 38:11-23). So that's going to be quite a thing that will take place here.

Let's come over here to verse 6 of chapter 39, and we'll finish off with just a few verses here, "And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles:" So that's meaning other nations that have not submitted that are way off. "...And they shall know that I *am* the LORD." That's why He's doing it, so that they will know. "So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not *let them* profane my holy name anymore; and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD the Holy One of Israel." (Ezekiel 39:6-7). So that's how God is going to convince them to submit to Him.

Now since we're right here let's see what's going to happen to the children of Israel and all of those then, who submit. Let's come to Ezekiel 36 and see what has to happen. Because of this, there's going to be repentance and when there is repentance there is going to be a change of heart. Israel will already have repented and be brought back to the Promised Land. So what happens here in Ezekiel 36 that happens to the children of Israel when they repent, it's also going to happen to the heathen when they repent after these tremendous things that God is going to bring upon them. They are going to be convinced. Now you think of this: think of all the things that happen leading up to the return of Jesus Christ, all the wars, all the battles, all the things that took place, and yet out there in the north and the east there are still going to be people who will not be convinced – that's why you have Ezekiel 38 and 39 taking place after Israel is come back into the Promised Land, after Israel has been given their inheritance, and have peace and rest and beginning to build their lives, and they come down and see this, and then this last war takes place to convince the whole world that, yes, God is God; and, yes, the saints of God are ruling with Him.

Now when there's repentance then this is what is going to take place. Let's pick it up here in a verse 23, and see again where it talks about the heathen that will know God, Ezekiel 36:23: "And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which you have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: from your filthiness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments and do *them*. And you shall dwell in the land that I gave your fathers;" and so forth. Now verse 31: "You shall remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good..." Now this is going to happen to every nation – every individual is going to come to repentance and God will give them a new heart. "... And you shall loathe yourselves in the sight of your iniquities for your abominations." Ezekiel 36:23-28, 31). And so this is how God is going to do it, quite a fantastic thing. There is an awful lot in the Word of God which tells us what He is going to do.

Now let's come over here to Isaiah 26 and let's see some more how the Kingdom of God is going to be and how it's going to work and what it's going to be like. Isaiah 26 and let's pick it up here in verse 6: "The foot shall tread it down, *even* the feet of the poor and the steps of the needy. The way of the just *is* uprightness: you, most upright do weigh the paths of the just. Yea, in the way of judgment, O LORD, we have waited for you, the desire of *our* soul *is* to your name, to the remembrance of you." Isaiah 26:6-8). And so this shows here how that God is going to really bring the truth and knowledge and understanding to the people.

Now let's come here to Isaiah 61. Let's see what's going to happen. Let's see how it's going to be with those of us who are going to be ruling and reigning with Christ, Isaiah 61, and let's pick it up here in verse 6: "But you shall be named the Priests of the LORD:" That's where we began in Revelation 20 and "...*men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: you shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall you boast yourselves. For your shame *you shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them." Now that's the covenant that we enter into while we are on the sea of glass before we come back to the earth. It is a new everlasting covenant of ruling and reigning with Christ. Verse 9: "And their seed..." Of course, we're the seed of Abraham, right? "...Shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring..." That is all those who come in to the Kingdom of God. "...Among the people: All that see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD has blessed." Now that's us – that fulfills the promise to Abraham. Verse 10: "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God: for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth her bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." (Isaiah 61:6-11). Now what this does, this shows us that we are part of that, and we are part of helping to bring all nations under the true government and Kingdom of God. Now that's a tremendous thing for us to understand.

Now think of it this way: when you watch the news on television, don't you get frustrated? It's the same old, same old, same old thing, and you see all the evils that are taking place, and you get disturbed, and you get to feeling bad about it that all these things are taking place. Well, think of this: each one of us are going to have the job of changing that – not only just for some people, but for the whole world! See that's going to be a tremendous thing! Now here is what we are going to direct them to do – and the way it always is, God is going to have people clean up the mess that was caused by the judgment for their sins. Now you talk about a project of building and making the world right – now think on this: verse 4, Isaiah 61: "And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, and the desolations of many generations." So that's going to be quite a project – doing all of that,

supervising that, make sure that it is done, make sure that it takes place – quite a tremendous and magnificent thing that it's going to be.

Now let's continue on, let's come to Psalm 105. Now let's begin here Psalm 105 and verse 1. This is a millennial Psalm. Now there are quite a few millennial Psalms, matter of fact I could probably give at least two sermons on the Kingdom of God and millennial Psalms from the book of Psalms. Now, verse 1, Psalm 105: "Give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make his deeds known among the people." That's what we're going to do. "Sing unto him, sing Psalms unto him: talk you of all his wonderful works. Glory you in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD." So they're going to do it. Once there is repentance, people are going to be seeking God and seeking His way in everything that they do. "Seek the Lord and his strength: seek his face evermore. Remember his marvelous works that he has done his wonders, and judgments of his mouth" (Psalm 105:1-5).

And you go back and what's going to happen – we are going to also remind people of all those events that took place leading up to the return of Christ and all the marvelous events and judgments of His mouth that took place. Verse 6: "O you seed of Abraham his servant, you children of Jacob his chosen." So this is going to be something, brethren. We are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise. Verse 7: "He *is* the LORD our God: his judgments *are* in all the earth." Now the only time that could be is when Christ and the saints are reigning, so that they know that all the judgments are in all earth, not just in one little country, but the whole world. Verse 8: "He has remembered his covenant for ever, the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations. Which *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant:" (Psalm 105:6-10). And that blends into the church which is spiritual Israel, and the everlasting covenant that we will partake of.

Now let's come back here to Psalm 96. This is one of the reigning Psalms which says the Lord reigns, and we saw it's going to be in Jerusalem, and it's also going to be the saints are reigning. Let's see what this says here. Let's see what the earth is going to be like. Verse 1: "O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD all the earth." Now after all these nations have been put down, after the last battles against Gog and Magog, and peace begins to spread to the whole earth, think about what this Psalm is telling us. Just think of what it's going to be like every Sabbath – people gathered together, worship God, sing unto Him, praise God, praise the saints that are ruling with God and so forth. Verse 2: "Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen..." That's what we're going to do. "...And his wonders among all people. For the LORD *is* great and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods." (Psalm 96:1-4).

What we're going to do, we're going to go in there and we're going to teach them the right way and then they are going to go out and destroy all their idols, destroy all their gods, blot out the memory of the name of it – no one is going to be allowed to secretly

pass these traditions on to the people because Isaiah 30 says that the teachers will be seen and they will be able to say, “this is that way, walk you in it, if you start to go to the left-hand or to the right-hand.” Plus every Sabbath they are going to be taught God’s way. They are going to be converted; they’re going to have new hearts, new minds, new attitudes; they are going to have the Spirit of God in them. And so this is going to be a great and marvelous thing, and we’re going to be able to witness it; we’re going to be able to be part of it; we’re going to be able to be helping administer this to all the people of the world.

Verse 5: “For all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens. Honor and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary. Give unto the LORD, O you kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory *due* his name: bring an offering and come into his courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him all the earth.” Now notice verse 10: “Say among the heathen the LORD reigns: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.” So this is a tremendous Psalm isn’t it – picturing all the things that are going to be taking place during the millennium – the conversion of the people, the love of the people, and think what a great and fantastic thing that is going to be. “Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof. Let the field be joyful, all that therein *is*: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice Before the LORD: for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with his truth.” (Psalm 96:5-13). And that’s what we’re going to administer, that’s what’s going to be done.

Now Psalm 99 says, let’s read that: “The LORD reigns...” and Psalm 97 says, “The LORD reigns...” Psalm 98 says, verse 2, says “The Lord has made known his salvation; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the heathen.” For that is a tremendous thing, all the salvation of the whole world is going to take place here.

Now let’s see what’s going to happen. Let’s see what the earth is going to be like and what glorious, marvelous reward that we have been called to share in; to administer and help bring and minister the government of God, to help administer the spiritual conversion of the people of the world to bring them to the understanding of God so that they can be brought into the Kingdom of God as spiritual sons and daughters of God. And in the book of Revelation in chapter 21 [verse 24] it talks about “And the nations that are saved...” So this is going to be a great and a fantastic, wonderful thing that’s going to take place. Now let’s pick it up here in verse 16 because what we’re going to see here is that we share and participate in this. Isaiah 60:16: “You shall also suck the milk of the Gentiles...” Now the best is going to be given to the sons of God. “...and suck the breast of kings: and you shall know that I the LORD *am* your Savior and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.” (Isaiah 60:16).

Now here is how great the economy is going to be. Today you hear a lot about the economy, but it is going to be paled into total insignificance of what it’s going to be

during the millennium. Verse 17: “For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, for stones iron: I will also make your officers peace and your exactors righteousness.” Now that’s us administering the laws and the commandments and the spiritual aspect of the Kingdom of God so the people can come to repentance, people can come to the knowledge of God and, of course, all the way down through the millennium. And as we get further and further into the millennium this is what is going to happen and soon, you know, just picture two hundred years down into the millennium that those things which happen at the return of Christ are going to only be things which will be reviewed because of everything that is there – the great and glorious things that God will do for the people physically, the great and glorious things that God will do for the people spiritually, and the increase in the Kingdom of God and the number of people coming into the Kingdom of God is going to be marvelous and overwhelming. Because you see, God is going to fulfill His purpose and His promise and we are an integral part of helping to carry that out.

Now notice, verse 18: “Violence shall no more be heard in your land...” No war, no violence, no crime, no rapes, no robbery, no stealing, no adultery, no lying “...Wasting nor destruction [that won’t be] within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.” And I just wonder what it is going to be like every Sabbath. Now where ever they start the Sabbath – I don’t know if it’s going to start in Jerusalem first, very likely, and then it’s going to compass around the whole earth. And just think what it’s going to be like if you were, say, stationed above the earth and you could look down on the earth and you could see as the Sabbath comes, everybody begins keeping the Sabbath; they come to Sabbath services, they’re taught the way of God – all the Psalms and praises to God, all of that’s going to be absolutely marvelous and beautiful. It is going to be such a fantastic time that mankind down deep inside always wants it, but doesn’t know how to do it because of his nature and because of Satan, see, so all of that is going to be changed and we’re going to do it! That’s a tremendous thing to understand!

Now let’s come back here to Isaiah 11, let’s see how it’s going to affect the whole earth. And remember every time that we read these verses, put yourself into it because you are going to participate in this which says that the LORD is going to do it, that’s true, but He’s going to do it through His spiritual family. And we’re going to be the ones who will implement it on a working basis in every area of the world. Now let’s begin here, Isaiah 11:1 “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:” Now this is Christ. Hold your place here and turn back, for just a minute, to Isaiah 9 and let’s understand, this goes clear back to the very physical birth of Jesus and blends into the spiritual reign beginning in the millennium and then on down into eternity. So these verses, Isaiah 9, verses 6 through 7, cover an awful lot of time-frame, don’t they? “For unto us a child is born...” That’s when Christ was born in the flesh. “...Unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder...” But He had to come qualify first. “...And his name shall be called Wonderful...” Now these are the names of God, that’s why Jesus was God manifested in the flesh. “...Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father...” (Isaiah 9:6).

Now The Father is the Father of those in the first resurrection. We are the sons and daughters of God the Father. When Christ and the church marry and begin the reign of Jesus Christ through the millennium, then there are going to be more children brought into the Kingdom of God who will be, what, Jesus then will be a father; so that's why it says, "...everlasting Father..." that's when it is going to take place. He is not a father now, but He will be when those in the millennium start entering into the Kingdom of God as we go down in time in the millennium.

(Verse 6:) "...The Prince of Peace." Verse 7: "Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end..." See because we don't even have a faint clue as to what God is going to do with the rest of the universe after all those enter into the Kingdom of God, and we won't find out unless we attain to New Jerusalem and know what the plan of God is going to be for all the ages of eternity after that. (Continuing in verse 7:) And "...upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, to establish it ... from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." So what do we have in these two verses – we have quite a thing – prophecy of the birth of Jesus Christ, a prophecy of His coming rule and reign on the earth, a prophecy of His spiritual government that goes all the way down through eternity. So that's quite a thing, isn't it? (Isaiah 9:6-7).

Now let's come back here to Isaiah 11, and let's see again what's going to happen and what the world will be like under the rule and reign of the saints. Now Isaiah 11:2: "And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him," And that happened when Christ was on the earth in the flesh, but also in his full spiritual power, right? Yes. "...The spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD: And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with a rod of this mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked." (Isaiah 11:2-4). Now that's how He is finally going to clean everything up at the beginning of the millennium.

Now let's see how it's going to develop down through the millennium, in the rest of these verses. Verse 5: "... And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. Whole nature of animals is going to be changed. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid and the calf and the young lion and fatling together; and a little child shall lead them." Now I tell you what; all children growing up in the millennium are going to have an absolute marvelous time – no more plastic toys, no more electronic games – they are going to have real live pets, and have the responsibility to take care of them. It's going to be quite a thing here isn't it? Yes! "...And a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox." (Isaiah 11:5-7).

Now I wonder if God is going to change the nature of a lion that he is going to actually chew his cud or not; I have no idea. But after watching some of these things like on the National Geographic channel where you see about the packs of Lions and how they go out and kill and stalk and grab their prey by the throat and by the nose and take them all down. They can even take down a water buffalo. They get a whole pride of lions together and take them down. Or you look at a special on the leopard and the leopard goes out and hunts at night and is a lonely stocker, and he gets these little kids of springboks, and he kills them and then he takes them up into a tree to keep the food away from the hyenas and the lions. Now, imagine what that's going to be like, to where the children call "kitty, kitty, kitty" and here comes a lion, or a leopard, or a cougar. You know when they get out there and call for the cows... You know when I grew up, we lived on a farm and used to go out there and say, "Come boss, come boss, come boss" and all the cows would come in to get milked. Well, lo and behold here come the bears lumbering in with them. It's going to be an entirely different situation.

Now notice this is always one, and I say it every year, but this is going to be hard for me to imagine because I cannot stand snakes; so I guess as a spirit being I'll finally understand this and make it into the Kingdom of God. Verse 8: "And the suckling child shall play on the hole of an asp and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den." Now that is such a fantastic change in the balance of nature and the ecosystem. This is a marvelous thing to contemplate, but here's what it is going to be like: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain:" Because as we go down through the time in the millennium and are teaching God's way and His truth and His righteousness and judgment, this is what's going to happen. "...For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." (Isaiah 11:8-9).

Now brethren, I've just read to you and covered, much of it is your coming job description and what you're going to do in the Kingdom of God. Now let that inspire you, let that encourage you, and let that give you the inspiration to change, to grow, to overcome, to draw close to God, and know that you are going to be dwelling with Christ and God the Father and dwelling with all the saints and helping to make this world a wonderful, productive, peaceful, and righteous place for a thousand years.

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